

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10 at line 12 with the following amended paragraph.

The valve piston 12 is fitted with a valve cone 15, which is provided on a bottom surface of a cone surface ring 16 located on the external wall face of the valve piston 12. In the valve seat mounting 11 a closing spring 17 is located that surrounds the valve piston 12. In the closed position of the distribution valve 10 represented here, the closing spring 17 presses against an upper face of the cone surface ring 16 and thus brings the valve cone 15 into sealing contact with a conical surface of a sealing ring 18, which forms a sealing seat. The valve seat mounting 11 comprises a stepped location section 19, in which the sealing ring 18 together with a retaining ring 20 are clamped in a form fit manner. To achieve an excellent sealing effect with appropriate tolerances the sealing ring 18 is preferably made of a high strength plastic, while the retaining ring 20 is preferably manufactured out of a steel.